A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) As the hon. Member is aware the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter. Any representations received from State prisoners detained in this Presidency under the orders of the Government of India are forwarded to that Government as soon as received. No application of the nature described appears to have been received by this Government.

Transfer of Messrs. Ghosh and Chatterjee to a cooler place.

* 218 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that since the transfer of Messrs. Ghosh and Chatterjee from the Trichinopoly Central Jail to the Rajahmundry Central Jail, their cases have become worse;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Ghosh and Chatterjee applied for their transfer to some other cooler place, as they cannot stand the unbearable heat at Rajahmundry;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government propose to grant their requests; and

(*d*) if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) There is nothing to show that the condition of the prisoners has become worse since their transfer to Rajahmundry.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*) As the hon. Member is aware the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter. The petitions were therefore forwarded to the Government of India.

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Proposal, if any, for the revival of the schools of commerce abolished as a measure of retrenchment.

219 *Q.*—Mr. Mahboob Ali Baig: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Institute of Commerce, Madras, and the Government Schools of Commerce at Calicut and Vizagapatam, were started and with what object;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that these three useful institutions were abolished at the same time as a measure of retrenchment and as a consequence of the deficit budget in 1931–32;

(*c*) whether the Government considered the matter of reviving these schools when the finances improved and when there was a surplus budget in 1932–33 and 1933–34; and